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Be Doubly Thankful.

By Miss May Horton.

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Thanksgiving Day is near again. It is a time when every one should be thankful. But we as Americans should be doubly thankful for many reasons:

First, we should rejoice greatly over the fact that we are a free and independent nation. Thankful that we are not governed by some land hungry nation which would use us as a tool for means of accomplishing its own selfish ends.

We should be thankful for having the best form of government existing in the world today. That form of government which is a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

We should be thankful for the good presidents we have had. Great Christian men, who have shunned every act which would have classed them as tyrannical despots.

We should be very thankful for the position which our great nation occupies. America, because of her wealth untold, because of her liberal form of government and because of that great and truly American spirit of its citizens, is the leading nation on the globe. Since this is true why should not every true American strive to be a leader among leaders?

We should be thankful for the great men, who have helped America secure her high position. The names and deeds of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Daniel Webster, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson should never fade from the memories of our people.

Why should we not rejoice over America's being the nation of opportunity? Since she is the leading nation, it is her task to take a leading part in the reconstruction movement and to be the leader of the world through this great crisis.

On the 11th of this month we celebrated a holiday—Armistice Day. To some homes in America it revived a memory of sorrow, to most it recalled days of anxiety, but to all, it should bring shouts of thanksgiving that the World war has ceased and that peace now reigns throughout our country rather than anarchy and bolshevism. Should we not be extremely thankful for that?

We should be thankful for our unsurpassed public school system. Thankful for that educational system which provides especially for the poor boy and girl and gives them equal opportunities with the rich.

We Americans should never forget to send up thanks for our nation's prohibition law. Nevertheless, we should work and pray that the time is near when its enforcement will be such as to make the words "Blind Tigers" together with their effects vanish from the minds of the American people.

Lastly and above all, we should ever be thankful for the religious freedom which we enjoy. That right which enables us to worship as we please instead of as one person or any one group of people shall dictate.

One of the greatest of mod-

ern South American statesmen was discussing with a business expert from the United States the difference between the most progressive South American country and our own. He maintained that Argentina had more natural resources and was fitted by nature to forge ahead, but he admitted that she was behind the sister republic of the North.

The reason for this in his own words is: "My country was settled by Spaniards, who sought gold; your country was settled by the Pilgrim Fathers, who sought God." I should like to add to this, the right to worship Him according to the dictates of their own conscience.

BETTER TELEPHONE
SERVICE

Richmond, Va., Nov. 18.—Speaking last night to the Richmond Kiwanis Club, Earl Godwin, assistant to the president of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, declared that 175,000 local connections were made daily in Richmond and that only two errors in one hundred were made by the operators.

Mr. Godwin's talk followed the visit of the Kiwanians to the two main exchanges of the company. An hour was spent in inspecting the plant and watching the operation of the switchboards in handling local and long distance calls. M. G. Rex, local manager of the company, is a member of the Kiwanis Club and acted as host to the visitors.

Stressing the necessity of better telephone service in Richmond and elsewhere in Virginia where the Chesapeake and Potomac Company operates, Mr. Godwin said that the company was doing all in its power to improve the service. He told of conditions, largely due to the war and transportation congestion, which had hindered progress. He made a plea for better understanding between the public and public utility companies, who are honestly trying to do their best with oftentimes small return on their investments, he said.

Mr. Godwin declared that \$6,000,000 would be spent by his company within the next three years in improving and developing telephone communication in Virginia. He paid a tribute to the State Corporation Commission, saying that the opinion recently written which granted a slight increase was a masterful one. He pointed to the fact that it was set forth in the opinion that, even with the increase, the company might not be able to pay interest on its investment in Virginia.

After Mr. Godwin's talk, the Kiwanis Club gave a rising vote of thanks to the telephone company officials present for their courtesy in showing the club through the exchange and having Mr. Godwin speak on telephone conditions in the state.

Dr. Bruce Completes Virginia
History.

Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 19.—Dr. Philip A. Bruce, author, historian and University of Virginia alumnus of the class of '75, has completed the five volume history of the university upon which he has been working for the past four years and which he will present as a gift to his alma mater upon her 100th anniversary next June.

So wide is the scope of the five volumes that faculty members say that they tend to serve as a history of education in Virginia. Dr. Bruce has divided his work into nine periods beginning with 1779. He concludes with a full description of events during the administration of President Edwin A. Alderman.

Jefferson's long struggle to found a state university, the origin of Albemarle Academy, the upbuilding of the present university and the appointment of professors are successively taken up.

There is a vivid description of conditions at the university during the Civil war, the political sentiments of the faculty and student body are mirrored and the fine part they played in the four bitter years of struggle is recounted.

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Radford Normal Notes

Mrs. Henrietta W. Calvin of the U. S. Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., is spending two days at the Normal School this week inspecting the Household Arts Courses and the other work done in this institution. She is also visiting the rural observation and practice schools and the two chesages conducted in connection with these schools in which the teachers and students live in the country places while the seniors are doing their practice teaching. Much attention is given to Household Arts work in this institution. The purpose of these courses is not alone to prepare young women for teaching Home Economics but to equip them for their work in life as home-makers and as helpful women in the community in which they live.

On Friday night the Glee Club will give its annual program. This club is under the direction of Miss Florence Baird, head of the Department of Public School Music. In addition to the other teachers of music, Miss Alice Gleaves of Wytheville has accepted the position as teacher of violin. The School Orchestra has made a very creditable record for itself for a number of years. This orchestra will be directed by Miss Gleaves during the present session.

Dr. J. P. McConnell is attending the National Conference on Negro Education in Atlanta, Ga. This conference is called by Commissioner of Education P. P. Claxton to consider the various problems connected with the education of colored people in the south. A large number of educational leaders, both white and colored from all of the Southern States will attend this conference.

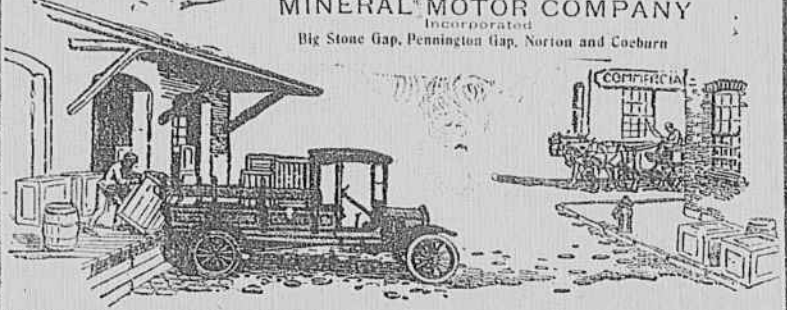
Miss M. O. Moffett will leave for Richmond Monday night to attend the meeting of the board of directors of the State Teachers Association. The board of directors has very important duties in determining the policy of the State Teachers' Association.



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ciation and directing the various features of the State Educational Conference which will be held at Richmond during the greater part of the week. Prof. F. B. Fitzpatrick, Miss Flora Bryson, Prof. W. E. Gilbert, Miss M. E. Coppedge, Miss Florence C. Baird, Dr. J. P. McConnell and other members of the faculty will attend the conference. Each have places on the program and will participate in the conference in various ways.

Miss Nellie Horsley Married.

Miss Nellie Minor Horsley and Mr. Edward M. Aaronson were married last week in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mrs. Aaronson is the daughter of Mayor W. J. Horsley. Mr. Aaronson is an electrical engineer and constructor. They now reside at 2618 Cutout St., Baltimore.

DICKENSON COUNTY
NEWS

Freeling, Va., Nov. 20.—Miss Jane Fleming died at the home of her kinsman, Columbus Viars, during the past week. She was past 60, and had been confined with sickness for the past several months. The remains were interred in the Swindal cemetery near Osborn's Gap.

Mrs. Vernia A. Counts has been quite indisposed during the past week, but is somewhat better at this writing.

The attendance at the public schools has decreased materially since the inclement weather set in. Some of the pupils have from two to three miles, and even further to go.

Russell Haynes is erecting a residence on his farm near here. He has the building almost ready for occupancy.

Andrew J. Counts recently purchased a farm of Andrew Phipps. This land lies back in the Cumberlands a short distance from Pound River.

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